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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

[] Continuation [X] Divisional (parent not abandoned)
 application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial
 No. 09/025,249, filed February 18, 1998
 for [Title]: LIQUID CRYSTALLINE COMPOUNDS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME
 by [Inventors]: Junichi HANNA, Masahiro FUNAHASHI, Komei KAFUKU, and
Kyoko KOGO

[X] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises
 a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification,
 claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the
 declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application
 introduced new matter therein.

[X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS
 CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

					Basic Fee
					\$710.00 (*35.00)
Total claims	19	-20 = 0	x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	-	
Independent claims	1	- 3 = 0	x \$80.00 (*40.00) =	-	
Total Filing Fee.....					= \$710.00

3. [X] A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed (Ck# 13234).
 THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
 WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
 NO. 16-0331. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE ENCLOSED.

4. [] Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior
 application before calculating the filing fee. At least one
 original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

5. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
 sentence:

--This is a [] Continuation [X] Division of application Serial No.
09/025,249 filed February 18, 1998.--

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS
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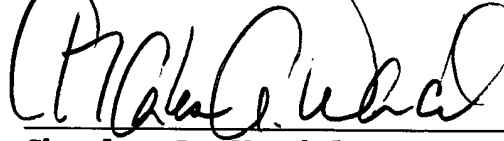
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6. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
7. ☐ New ☐ Formal ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed: Fig(s) . .
8. ☒ Priority of foreign application(s) No. 49593/1997 filed February 19, 1997 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 09/025,249 on April 3, 1998.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to DAI NIPPON PRINTING CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 9115, Frame 0068.
10. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- ☒ a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- ☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- ☒ c. Address all future communications to
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11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.

12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- *13. ☐ Small entity status was established in the parent application via a verified statement filed on _____.

Respectfully submitted,

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